

Amendment

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice for later filing in a divisional application.

Remarks

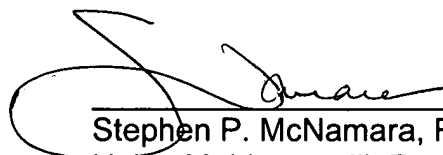
Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 13-14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,219,942 and also over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,365,623. Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶1 for failure to comply with the written description requirement due to use of the term "preventing" in claim 1.

Examiner has allowed claims 16-19. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-15 are cancelled, thus the only remaining claims are the allowed claims.

The Examiner has noted a defect in the Oath. A Supplemental Oath and Declaration signed by the Applicant is submitted herewith, which should resolve the Examiner's objection.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 16-19, all of the claims remaining in the application, are in order for allowance, and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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